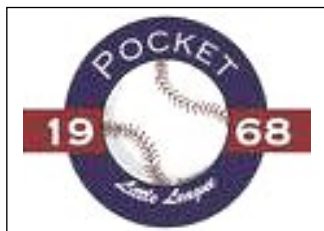


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Panama Art Factory tenant says there's more to the break-in story

By MONICA STARK
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"It's been a roller coaster for everybody for a sense. You don't know exactly why someone would be so brutal," Pocket ceramist and potter Miguel Paz said regarding the previously reported break-in at the Panama Art Factory, 4421 24th St., during the early morning hours of Wednesday, Aug. 31. Paz, who had an expensive drill stolen, said since the break-in, many of the tenants have left the premises, not exclusive to theft victims.

It's as if someone "tiptoed to get a computer or a tool," he said. No art was stolen or vandalized, meanwhile there were broken doors and tampered locks. "It's like they knew what they were doing. They knew (Panama) was going to be empty. They just went in for an hour, an hour and a half."

Stored in a "secret hideaway" in a dark corner of his studio space at Panama, Paz had wondered how his items, some of which he "just purchased" went missing. "I was thinking why were they targeting me? When I found out I had a computer missing and two expensive power tools I just purchased stored in a place in secret hideaway with a lock on it – it didn't make sense. It was

completely out of the way. It was dark. You couldn't see in there. There's no way someone could have done that without knowing where I kept that tool."

Curiously, he said, the items stolen were omitted from the police report. "It's a clear sign someone entered my space and that was not recognized at all ... It was like the Chamber of Horrors. What is really taking place? Absolutely no art was broken. That's amusing. People came in and it was just stuff that they can pawn."

Back in February, artists had difficulty obtaining studio space at the Panama Art Factory, but now just about eight months later, since the break-in artists have left. And while a GoFundMe account was put together, some artists received funds, but Paz said he didn't receive a dime.

Photographer Melissa Udoff who had \$15,000 worth of gear stolen received about half of the \$4,000 raised from the GoFundMe. Regarding those who donated, Udoff said, "It was sweet. I knew almost every name that donated and the majority were artists and musicians." During this writing, Udoff was in the middle of moving out of Panama to bring her work home with her until she finds another space. The break-in was a big reason for her move, she said.

Pocket Little League releases statement regarding "possible" financial impropriety

By MONICA STARK
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In late August, the Pocket Little League Board was notified by its banking institution of a possible impropriety involving a PLL account. According to a press release issued by the league, "It is important to note that all money has been recuperated, and Pocket's accounts and financial status are in good standing. Due to this possible fraudulent activity, PLL has filed a police report with the Sacramento Police Department to carry out an investigation into any possible wrongdoing."

The investigating officer confirmed to the Pocket News the allegation of fraud that was made in the police report. Depending on the cooperation of witnesses, the officer stated it could take a matter of a couple of days or weeks as they investigate information from financial institutions.

In its released statement, the PLL board goes on to stay that it "takes seriously its role as a custodian of the

funds provided to it by families and sponsors who, over the course of its 48-year history, have supported and continue to support PLL as a means to provide a quality little league experience to all area youth. The board is already planning for an exciting season in 2017."

Without naming any suspects, various past and present PLL board members expressed with the Pocket News their feelings regarding the alleged financial fraudulent activity with the neighborhood league's account.

Regarding past thefts, past-president Jessica Reid said, "overall, the Pocket Little League – It's for members and families who have gone above and beyond to have their kids have the best experience possible. Not only do they learn baseball, but they good character and how to win and lose with grace and how to be good citizen, regardless of what's going on right now. That's the main focus and we don't want to want any allegation or investigation (to hinder) the kids' experience.

Even though she's not in a leadership role, Reid says she hopes the PLL continues to be one of the best little leagues under the sun.

Additionally, adding credence to the current PLL board, she noted, "it's not a paid position. I think it says a lot about the board to really take control of whatever issue takes place, that it is looked into thoroughly."

An anonymous source stated the money allegedly was stated to be used to pay for soil samples for the fields and to buy a drag for the fields. "But, that was never approved by the board. (The suspect) wrote checks and said (he/she) was going to get a break on pricing. But why was (the suspect) pushing so much? The president they could talk about it the first of the month because meanwhile the treasurer was away on honeymoon." The source questioned the urgency of the suspect's request, considering the fields are shut down in November every year and aren't touched again till January. Then the question of missing money came up and the money was

allegedly found in the suspect's personal account.

Asked her opinion of what the PLL board should do, Dianne Cardona, District 7 administrator said she would go in and "clean house."

"I can't direct them what to do. I don't have that power. I always want the power. Just in general, I say, this is what the rules say. If they don't follow it, it's on them. I'm a by-the-rules person. Personally, I would go in and clean house. Most leagues wouldn't do what I say. I grew up in a different era and I have 30 years on most of these people. I grew up knowing right from wrong and I am more strict."

Cardona's position as District 7 administrator means she oversees board activity and reports to the state of any wrongdoing. District 7 includes the following leagues: Airport Little League, East Sacramento Little League, Florin Little League, Land Park Pacific Little League, Oak Park Little League, Parkway Little League, Pocket Little League and Tahoe Tallac Little League.

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Matsuyama kids really know how to scare you!

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY

Yikes! These Matsuyama students really are in the Halloween spirit. Asked to make scary faces, here are the results! Wowzers! On Friday, Oct. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. school will be holding its annual harvest festival. The Harvest Festival is a "cornucopia of fun" for the entire family. In the past, it was featured arts and crafts, a pumpkin patch, a cake walk, square dancing, and lots of delicious food. Funds raised by the Harvest Festival directly benefit Matsuyama teachers by providing much needed classroom supplies. Matsuyama is located at 7680 Windbridge Drive.



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William Land Park comes alive with the sounds of the Kennedy marching band

Salute to local teaching legend Nick Angiulo attracted hundreds of alumni from around the world

William Land Park came alive on Sunday, Sept. 19 as the 130-plus members of the John F. Kennedy High School Marching Band came together to perform before nearly five decades of alumni band members. The celebration marked the long and loving tenure of a Sacramento musical treasure in Mr. Nick Angiulo, or "Mr. A" as he was fondly called by students, alumni and faculty alike.

"I'm impressed with the legacy and success of the (JFK) music department," said a clearly moved Mr. A at the conclusion of the marching band's performance. "When I came to the school, the first two years of the John F. Kennedy High School Marching Band were an entirely volunteer run organization. We've come a long way since then," he recalled.

Organized by a collection of alumni, led by Cheryl and Cathy Birch and Linda Carlos, the event was decidedly casual, allowing alumni to get re-acquainted and to reminisce with Mr. A and his always razor sharp memory. From the challenges of leading the gang of awkward teenagers that made up the 200-plus person Kennedy High School Marching Band, to the talented jazz band, orchestra and the always in demand choir, led by Mr. Chris Williams, alumni sat captivated by generational stories of families who all experienced and clearly enjoyed the talented team of teachers that led the school's music department during that memorable period.

From former student, Glenn Jones, "I was a student at Sacramento High School and sang in the choir and Madrigals and studied music theory. I truly treasure my high school musical experience—it has so enriched my life, even after almost 50 years!"

Grateful alumni gathered at the event, passed the musical instrument case for donations to support the band, gathering nearly \$700, matched by an anonymous alumni band member, presenting a donation of over \$1,300 to the current John F. Kennedy High School Marching Band, to support their year round competition and travel arrangements.

Said former band member and student Bill Pool, Jr., "Mr. A was



John F. Kennedy High School Marching Band performs for alumni and Nick Angiulo.

not only a teacher, but a mentor and even up on your (band) stand, you left an awesome lasting impression on us all."

"Do you understand the impression you have made on ALL of these people here today?" said former band member and student, Evan Miller. "You have created quite a legacy Mr. A."

"What you don't realize is everything you have done for me, today and throughout my career," stated a grateful Angiulo, while chatting with students and defending his position as a capable high school teacher. "You have all played a tremendous part of my life and I am grateful for those years and all of you."

A veteran of 48 high school graduations during his teaching career, Angiulo, is a native of Canton, Ohio; enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in the early days of the Korean War, serving in the 724th Air Force Band at Sacramento's Mather Field. After his enlistment, he earned a BM and BA from the College of the Pacific, and later a Master's Degree from Sacramento State University. He joined the faculty of Sacramento High School in 1959 and taught there for a decade, before departing to join the faculty of the "new" high school in Sacramento—John F. Kennedy High School, located in the growing residential community of Greenhaven. He remained there until 1984, when he became a music supervisor for eight years before joining the music department faculty at Sacramento State University in 1993, remaining there until 2007.

"I was fortunate to have had great teaching years at Sacramento High School and at Sacramento State University, but the 15 years at JFK High School were the most rewarding to me," said a clearly animated Angiulo during the celebration. "I have wonderful memories dur-



Nick Angiulo speaks to the hundreds of alumni gathered at the John F. Kennedy High School Marching Band Alumni Celebration (Photo Credit-Andy Gee)



John F. Kennedy High School Marching Band Banner Girls, 1976.

ing my teaching years, marched in a number of great parades with the Air Force Band and JFK Band—the 1976 Bicentennial Parade in Philadelphia (where the band was invited to perform) was the best."

I never got rich from teaching but reaped great rewards by having the greatest students a teacher could ever hope to have. I'm grateful for a lifetime of memories and for a loving extended family."

A life of a Pocket Parliamentarian

By DEBBIE ITO

If you've wondered what a Parliamentarian is, ask Lorenzo Cuesta. Lorenzo and Yolanda (his lovely wife of 45 years) are longtime Pocket area residents. They met in high school in their hometown of Laredo, Texas and have never looked back. "Yolanda and I met in a trigonometry class in high school. We started dating in 1962 and were married in 1971. As it turns out, her relatives once lived down the street from my relatives during a prior generation."

After a long career as a computer programmer, 28 years with the State and teaching computer programming at an evening adult college, Lorenzo retired. But relaxing and sitting in a hammock reading a book is the furthest thing from what Lorenzo considers retirement. After many years with Toastmasters, including competing in speech contests, Lorenzo decided on becoming a Parliamentarian. Inspired because of his profound dislike for meetings, he began to study the details and patterns of a meeting. "I realized that the problem is not with the meetings. The problem is with the tyrants that run the meetings. That is when I discovered that parliamentary procedure can shorten a 3-hour meeting down to 30 minutes." He discarded his previous dislike for meetings and went forward with his plan to become a Parliamentarian. "All I needed was to learn the details and the patterns, and how to make them all more efficient. But it did no good for me to be the only person in the meeting to know the secrets. If I could just

train others or assist in enforcing the rules, no meeting needed to be feared." To do this, Lorenzo joined the National Association of Parliamentarians and attended all their educational programs. He passed all their credentialing examinations and found an enjoyable way to spend his retirement. He now serves organizations as a parliamentarian, or presents interactive parliamentary workshops to clients. "Today I travel all over the state and the country depending on where my clients are holding their meetings. My client pays my travel costs, my hotel accommodations, my meals, and a reasonable parliamentary fee (speaker's fee)."

In a nutshell, a Parliamentarian is a paid, neutral, advisor whose only role is to offer legal and proper options for organizational actions, or to save the organization from committing unwise decisions that could lead to costly litigation. "Everyone tends to behave better when there is a cop at the dance. So during a meeting, I sit next to the presiding officer. As decisions or motions come up, the presiding officer looks my way if he is in doubt, and I nod, for or against. More often than not, I anticipate the problem, and whisper to the presiding officer what to beware of. This rapport moderates the resistance that members have towards a leader's rulings."

Although there are similarities, every client is like starting a new school year. "My most memorable clients have something unique about them. There is the 30-member board composed entirely of individuals who own more than 3 hotels each; the subcommit-



Yolanda and Lorenzo Cuesta.

tees composed entirely of US city mayors; a tyrant presiding officer who insisted I sit deep in the audience; a Christian religion group; an international group whose primary language was not English and I served as their professional presiding officer; a group that spent most of one meeting debating whether or not to hire a parliamentarian; a group that decided to hold our board meeting on a cruise to the Bahamas."

In addition to his Parliamentarian activities, Lorenzo served as the President of the California State Association of Parliamentarians. He has published numerous articles on parliamentary procedure in the Parliamentary Quarterly, and presented interactive workshops at national parliamentary conferences. If you'd like to learn more, visit his website (www.roberts-rules.com).

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30th annual ACC Care Center fundraiser drew nearly 400 community members

By TERESA GREENMAN

The ACC Care Center celebrated 30 years of caring for seniors in the area's premiere Nursing Home, the ACC Care Center on Saturday, Sept. 17th at the ACC main campus on Park City Drive. The 30th Annual Care Center fundraiser was well attended with almost 400 community members enjoying an evening of great food, wine, music and silent auction. Many thanks to our Diamond Sponsor Arthur and Barbara Tom c/o ABT Properties and our Emerald Sponsors California Northstate University College of Pharmacy, Greenstar Care Home, Medline, and

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Once again the food and wine was second to none served up by our dedicated volunteers who helped to make the evening such a warm and fun event. Music flowed from Sac of Soul and put many smiles on the faces of our guests. Our sincere appreciation goes to the restaurants, businesses and individuals who made contributions to make this event such a memorable evening. ACC's dedicated volunteers provided the heart and soul as well as the manpower needed to successfully put on such a gala event.



We had much to celebrate that night as the ACC Care Center has recently received bountiful awards such as a 5 star-rating from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and the Bronze Commitment to Quality Award from the American Health Care Association of Northern California.

We announced the public phase of our Capital Campaign which will enable the modernization of the Care Center's resident rooms and bathrooms. Additionally, resident dining and recreation spaces will be greatly enhanced. Currently the driveway and parking lot is under construction for improvements and with your generous pledge we will turn our sights to interior renovations late next year. It is our generous donors who have made the Care Center one of the most desirable in the area and with your Capital Campaign pledge we will continue to grow in excellence for the well-being of our senior community!

Teresa Greenman is the fund development officer for ACC.



Youth Jazz Day to be held at the Elks Lodge, No. 6

Five outstanding local youth and young adult jazz bands will take the stage at the monthly Jazz at the

Riverside concert on Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Elks Lodge, Nov. 6. The family-friendly afternoon event will showcase the youth jazz education programs of the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society (STJS), a local non-profit formed in 1968 and the force behind the annual Memorial Day Sacramento Music Festival.

Scheduled bands include The New Traditionalists, Milenburg Boys, Syncopating Sea-Monkeys, River City Swingers, and The Awktives. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun from noon to 5 p.m., and the first 100 attendees will receive a free gift!

The STJS Foundation is dedicated to promoting music education for children with an emphasis on early or "traditional" jazz. Programs include an annual week-long summer Jazz Camp at Sly Park, free private Music Lessons, a Trad Jazz Youth Band Festival held each February

in conjunction with the Jazz Studies program at Sacramento State University, local in-school clinics by professional jazz musicians, and its most recently launched program, Instrument Match.

Instrument Match turns unused musical instruments into a life changing opportunity for a child who cannot afford to purchase or even rent an instrument. The Foundation accepts donated instruments, refurbishes them and "matches" them with kids who want to play music. November 13th will also be "Instrument Donation Day," with free admission for anyone bringing an instrument to donate.

Volunteers will be on hand to talk about the STJS music education programs. The Riverside Elks Lodge is located at 6646 Riverside Blvd. with plenty of free parking. In addition to the youth bands and related activities, there will be music in two other rooms, including an all-jam "Tailgate Room." Food



Photo courtesy

and beverages are available for purchase, and there is always room for dancers!

Admission -- Adults: \$10 STJS members, \$12 Non-members; Youth ages 12 thru 20: \$5 STJS members, \$7 non-members; children under 12 free.

The STJS Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit established in 1996 to work with the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society in the development and administration of its youth education programs. For more information, contact Patti Jones, 712-1501, patti@sacjazz.org.

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Young Actors Stage brings home 7 Elly Awards

By MONICA STARK
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Les Miserables, a "sung-through" production, considered by some to be the world's longest running musical -- went down in history on a very local level on Sept. 11 at the annual Elly Awards held at Cosumnes Oaks High School.

Bringing home seven Elly Awards (and nominated for 10) for its 2016 production of Les Mis, the Young Actors Stage and director Liorah Singerman feel incredibly grateful for the recognition. "It was icing on the cake," Singerman said.

Although YAS has done more than 16 shows in Sacramento, this one was the first to meet all of the criteria for submission to the Elly Awards, Singerman said.

Based on Victor Hugo's hugely successful 19th century novel of the same name, the story about broken dreams, passion, and redemption, takes place during revolutionary unrest in Paris in the early 1800s. Songwriter Alain Boublil, along with composer Claude-Michel Schonberg, are responsible for the inspiring music, and Herbert Kretzmer and James Fenton are responsible for adapting the original French version into English. Les Miserables features a long list of wonderful songs, including "I Dreamed a Dream," "The Innkeeper's Song" (Master of the House), and "The People's Song" (Do you Hear the People Sing).

Singerman has wanted to produce Les Mis for a long time. However, this musical requires a mature cast of exceptional singers, with a lot of experience. This year, she found such a cast. Done with two casts, including 68 kids (ages 9-18) in all, the shows, which were held back in May at the 24th Street Theatre, were well-attended, to say the least. And, the Elly Awards ceremony was no different. "As soon as we heard word



of the nominations, we spread the word as tickets can be in limited supply. I was truly touched by the number of families that attended the show," Singerman said.

Because Les Mis was nominated for Best Overall Production, YAS managed to put 50 of the 68 cast members on stage to perform "At the End of the Day," "One Day More," and the Finale from the show. "Our production lived 'one day more' as the kids didn't miss a beat," Singerman said.

Without any further ado, YAS' seven Ellys are: Lighting and Design, Sound, Set Design, Best Actor, Musical Direction, Direction and Overall Production (2). What follows is commentary provided by Singerman regarding each of those awards.

Lighting Design

"This show taught me how incredibly important light design is. Changing the focus changes everything. I think the cast would agree that during tech week the most common thing you would hear me say was: "Find your light! Find your light!"

Sound

"Sound is one of the biggest challenges of every production and this honor was a particularly thrilling award because YAS has come such a long way with regards to our sound quality. This award really goes to all of the parents

and cast members who have devotedly raised money over the past 8 years so everyone could be heard."

Set Design

"I shared this award with one of our volunteer parents, Paul Nauman. He miraculously made the vision real. Our show would not have been anything like it was without the skill, knowledge, creativity and time Paul put into designing and building the amazing sets, including a phenomenal barricade that seemed to become a character itself within the show."

Alex Greenly (Best Actor)

"Alex played the leading role of Jean Valjean. He is a truly phenomenal singer, actor and dancer who's professionalism and maturity on and off stage helped bring the quality of the production to a new level. Alex Greenly is a name to remember. In addition to a promising career as a performer, Alex is a talented filmmaker/director, currently studying filmmaking at Chapman University."

Musical Direction

"The music of Les Miserables is undeniably amazing. We were so fortunate to have a talented cast that dedicated themselves so fully to this show. I credit much of the success of my musical direction to the fact that the cast did their homework!"



Photos by George Young
Shown here is a collection of photos from the Sept. 11 Elly Awards ceremony, in which the Young Actors Stage brought home seven awards.

Direction, and Overall Production (2 awards)

"Les Miserables has always been my dream show. At the age of 14, it was the very first Broadway Show that I ever saw. It was the show that made me say, "I have to do that!" This past May I found myself leaning out of the light booth watching my dream come true. I got to be a part of a Les Miz so full of heart, guts, unity, determination and friendship - night after night, scene by scene, one beautiful moment after another. Nothing could have been more gratifying."

The Wild West of California pizza culture presented on film

Improv comedy group filmed first digital sketch at Land Park's Buffalo Pizza

By MONICA STARK
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The adventures of a pair of New Jersey pizza snobs lost in the Wild West of California pizza culture have been caught on film. On location at Buffalo Pizza and Ice Cream Co., "the snobs" actually really love the Land Park fixture located on 21st Street near 2nd Avenue. "The snobs" -- members of That Plus Chips, a sketch and improv comedy group -- partnered with Buffalo Pizza to film their first digital sketch titled "Fool Me Slice" and will be premiering it at nearby Capsity on Friday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. with a happy hour from 5 until 8 p.m. Suggested door fee is \$5 - \$10. Come eat, drink, and enjoy this hilarious new sketch.

With theater backgrounds, members of That Plus Chips produce sketches that have a more-involved plot arc than say stand-up. Written by Dan Rinkin, a New Jersey transplant, the 13-minute-or-so sketch is based on the experiences he had when he made it to the Golden State, wandering the streets for really good pizza.

"It's about two curmudgeons and their journey in this world. For the record, all of us at That Plus Chips love Buffalo Pizza," said the group's managing director Emily Perez, an Upper Land Park resident. "I go there and they make me something different every time," she added.

For those who might not be able to attend the premier at Capsity, Emily said eventually "Fool Me Slice" will be put online on their YouTube channel: That Plus Chips.

With "the unique mission to bring laughter to the Sacramento community in a new, fresh format, and to foster the work of new artistic professionals such as writers, actors, comedians, musicians, technical assistants, and more" That Plus Chips takes its name from that '90s phrase: "All that and a bag of chips." And, in fact, the group does give out chips at their live shows.



In an effort to find a coworking space for performing artists, Emily said she met folks at Capsity through informational interviews for coworking spaces. And, Emily said since Capsity owns Buffalo Pizza, they said you can film it at Buffalo. "So we filmed it there and it was really fun."

Still searching for the ideal coworking space, Emily said they're now in the stage of just gathering resources to figure where the best place to house "the initial incarnation" would be.

"Fool Me Slice" is directed by Jessilee Windhaus, written by Daniel Rankin, screenplay by Daniel Rankin and Rose Mendonca. It stars: Daniel Rankin, Marc Ashbourne, Emily Maghanoy Pérez and Eddie Amezcua. It's being produced by Jessilee Windhaus, Emily Maghanoy Pérez and Rose Mendonca. Executive producers are Brian Fischer and Mai Linh Tompkins. The event is sponsored by Buffalo Pizza and Ice Cream Co. and Capsity. The director of photography is Nathan Dan. Production design is by Jessilee Windhaus and Emily Maghanoy Pérez. The gaffer is Vianca Natividad; key grip by Julien Baressi, production sound by Christian Avila. The film is edited by Jessica Dana and is filmed on location at Buffalo Pizza and Ice Cream Co.

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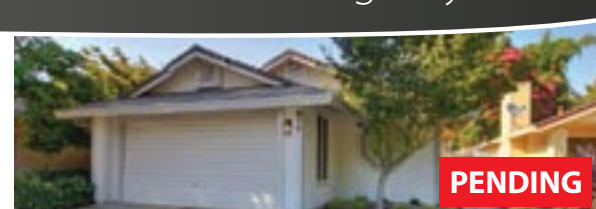
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Chinese United Methodist Church to hold 150th anniversary celebration

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part one of a two-part series about the history of the Chinese United Methodist Church.

The Chinese United Methodist Church, the second oldest Chinese church on the West Coast, will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a special dinner on Sunday, Oct. 30.

The event will be held at the Asian Pearl Restaurant at 6821 Stockton Blvd. #165 at 5 p.m., and will feature a 10-course seafood banquet, a Power-Point presentation with photographs from various eras, music performances by two singers, speakers and raffle prizes. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person.

This gathering will also serve as the church's rebuild fundraiser from a vandalism/fire on Dec. 27, 2012.

Following the vandalism/fire, the church has met on its 28th Avenue grounds in portable buildings, and established its rebuild project. Demolition for the new church structure began in June 2015 and its groundbreaking was held last Father's Day, June 19. The future building is currently in its framing stage.

Sally Wong, the church's treasure, who is also in charge of the church rebuild, expressed the church's excitement for its

future building, which is currently under construction to be completed in 2017.

"After waiting almost four years, it's overwhelmingly exciting for us," she said. "We already know what programs we're going to be able to offer the community and what services we want to expand and offer. With the new facility that we're building, it's going to just be able to offer so much to the community, and it's just so much fun."

In regard to its history, the church was organized and chartered as the Chinese Methodist Church of Sacramento in 1866. The church was renamed Chinese United Methodist Church as a result of the general conference in Dallas in 1968.

The church was located at 6th and N streets for many years and moved to its present location on 28th Avenue in 1959.

Wong invited the community to attend the upcoming anniversary celebration at the Asian Pearl Restaurant, as well as the church anniversary worship service at 2470 28th Ave. on Oct. 30 at 11 a.m.

"We welcome all to come out and celebrate our 150th anniversary, which is a milestone of leadership, faithfulness and dedication," she said. "We're open to the public, all are welcome, and we hope to see everybody."

To purchase tickets to the celebration dinner, call (916) 213-2830.



Photo courtesy of CUMC
Chinese United Methodist Church members gather in front of their church building at 6th and N streets in this historic photograph.



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Chinese United Methodist Church members stand with shovels in hand at the groundbreaking for their future church building on June 19, 2016.



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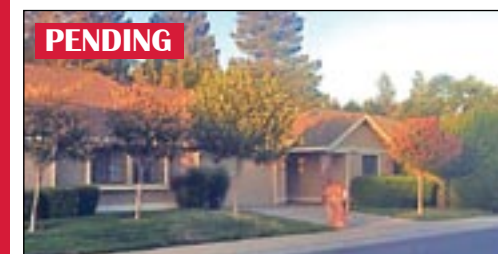
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The Dressmaker

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Broadgreen Green Pictures brings us an Australian picture made in 2015, "The Dressmaker" from director Jocelyn Moorhouse who adapted the screenplay with P.J. Hogan based on the novel by Rosalie Ham. It just now is reaching wide release in the United States. The dressmaker is Tilly Dunnage (Kate Winslet), who has been abroad in Paris and other places for several years honing her craft. She decides to return to her incredibly small home village in Australia of the 1950s, to set past wrongs right.

Arriving in the dead of night, she is spotted by the law, a Sergeant Ferrat (Hugo Weaving), who we discover has unusually keen sense of textiles when he suggest that her outfit might have been made by Dior. Right away you know this movie is going to be fun in a different way.

Tilly encounters her mother Molly, brilliantly played by Judy Davis, living in filth and abandoning life entirely. She begins to bring her back to life, met with great resistance from mum, who had given up. To say that Tilly makes an impact on the town folk is an understatement. She upsets the lo-

cal game of "footy", causing all of the players to fall over themselves looking at her curvaceous form in a hot red dress; among them Teddy, played by Liam Hemsworth. From this moment on he will pursue Tilly, as she uses haute couture as a weapon to exact a revenge on a town that unjustly sent her into exile.

In this deliciously dark comedy, the road to find out exactly why she left and the events that happened leading to her departure is at the heart of why she has returned. We are slowly given clues as the picture unfolds, dabbled here and there amid each stunning costume change in which Tilly appears. Winslet's costumes and the frocks she begins to make for the women of the town are spectacular and work in dynamic contrast to the drab and dry Australian setting. They really are a character themselves.

Adding to this magic are the loving tributes to great film classics, such as one scene where Tilly stands in a yard where a key moment in her childhood had occurred as music of Spain and a bullfight begin stirring in the score. Her dress there is a tribute to the one worn by Rita Hayworth in "Gilda" and Winslet is seen removing one long black glove, as Hayworth had done in



Have sewing machine, will travel; Kate Winslet is THE DRESSMAKER. Photo; Ben King/Broad Green Pictures

that classic film. Another great classic movie moment comes when Tilly and her mother take Liam Hemsworth out to see "Sunset Boulevard". Judy Davis talks back to the screen and it was all I could do not to roll out of the theater seat with laughter.

Aside from humor and great style, this release has a dark edge to it, reminiscent of British Ealing comedies, like "The Ladykillers" of 1955. There are plenty of clues along the way that reveal the answer to what really hap-

pened that caused Tilly's departure, but I was in the dark until the end of the picture when all is revealed. Now, I wish to watch it again to enjoy the subtle elements placed in the camera's view along the way. This is a movie of sweet revenge in high style which will be a splendid way to spend time at the movies, detail rich and singularly Australian. Judy Davis' turn is worthy of an Oscar nomination. Find this movie, it is in a limited engagement in select theaters.

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Cougar football report: Here's an update on the season thus far

By MATT COSTA

This season to date we are currently sitting at a 5-2 record with 3 games to go. We have had some pretty big games that we came up short in, Lost by 6 to undefeated Bradshaw Christian and then lost by 20 to 6-1 and the #1 team in the section Sac High. However we are playing our best ball right now and are really starting to hit our stride. We have won the last three since dropping a game to Sac. We beat Valley 43-0, CKM 57-3, and then Johnson last week at homecoming 44-0.

We have a few kids I think that are fun to watch and have a real shot at playing at the next level. In the senior class, Austin Louie is probably our best D1 recruit at the Defensive Tackle spot. He has several Big Sky schools interested like Montana State (Big Sky) as well as Humboldt State (D2), Earl Averette our QB has also garnered lots of interest especially from Eastern Washington (Big Sky). He is averaging right around 300 yards a game all purpose and against CKM hit the end zone 7 times. 5 through the air and 2 on the ground. Avery Runner, De'Von Thompson, and Jermon Jordan also have JC interest.

In our Junior Class we have some real talent. Zavionne Wilson our inside backer is getting major D1 Bowl Sub-division interest from the University of Utah, Miami of Ohio, and Michigan State. He for sure is the real deal. Zeke Wilson, Jaden Cummings, and Tae'Vion Massey will also get offers and have shown lots of promise.

We played homecoming last week against Hiram Johnson. The final was 44-0. We put up 44 points in the first half and then in the second half under a running clock, we rotated in lots of guys and tried doing a lot of different things. We are really a throwing team so the rain and wet weather can play havoc on us a bit. We really took our foot off the gas in the second mainly to make sure no one got hurt going into this weeks game against Laguna. As it was wet it kept a lot of fans away for the last home game of the regular season. All of our games this year have been very well attended. Most every night has been standing room only.

Down the stretch we have a real shot to shock some people. This week's game against Laguna will be big and so will the last game of the regular season against Burbank. We have to win this week to lock up a playoff spot again, which will be huge for the program and the school.

Honestly I think a lot of people in the Pocket really don't want to admit how good we actually are. They keep sending their kids away to play football at CKM or private schools. We have out scored opponents this season 247 to 94. We have beat CKM three years in a row, out scoring them 130 to 31. We have kids getting D1 offers. We already have one former Cougar, Chigoze Nnoruka, playing football at UCLA on scholarship. Our offensive coordinator puts together an offense that is truly dynamic and fun to watch and play in. Our defense is one of the best in the area, and academically we are one of the strongest in the school district. It's obvious to me that if I had a kid with interest in playing football at the next level Kennedy would be my choice. Our coaching staff is top notch, our facilities are the best in the district hands down, we are the first school in the district to have a Nike sponsorship, and we have an administration and faculty that is focused on the success of our student athletes. Not to mention we have the best band in the district and best fans in the area. I don't think there is much more anyone can ask for out of a high school and its football program.

Matt Costa is the Athletic Director, an RSP Case Manager and the Head Football Coach at John F. Kennedy High School. He can be reached at Matthew-costa@scusd.edu



Shown here is a collection of photographs from the Kennedy homecoming game against Hiram Johnson on Friday, Oct. 14, in which the Cougars won 44-0.

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The food. Now that won't be a frightening thing. Actually, the menu promises to be quite the contrary, featuring linguica sandwiches and Portuguese filhós, deliciously sweet fried pastry balls. And, there will be "snack bar" types of items. Oh, and there's a bar.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the haunted house will open at 7 p.m. and the fun will go on until the crowd dies down. Cost: \$7 adults; \$4 for ages 5 to 12 and ages 4 and younger are free of charge.

The cost covers everything, other than the food and drinks. There's no charge for games and you can go through the haunted house as many times as you like.

The SPHSS hall is located at 6676 Pock-et Road.

-Monica Stark



Photos courtesy of event organizer Nelson Azevedo

Artist Bill Styler reminisces about his iconic KZAP cat mascot

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Many longtime Sacramento residents have fond memories about the city's legendary radio station, KZAP 98.5 FM, which entertained its listeners from 1968 to 1992. And many of those people recall the station's iconic cat mascot.

But the majority of those former KZAP listeners are unfamiliar with Bill Styler, the man who created that image in 1974.

Bill, who was born in Sacramento and raised in Davis, said that it was a combination of his availability as an artist and the recommendation of his brother, KZAP DJ Gordon "Gordo" Styler (1947-2012), that led to his selection as the artist to create KZAP's cat mascot.

"(Gordo) had mentioned to (KZAP's sales manager) Don Early that I was a freelance graphic artist, and was out on my own," he said. "So, (Gordo) said, 'Go down (to KZAP) and see Don. So, I went down to the station. The idea was it was to be a cat. And that's basically what I got from Don, and just to use my imagination.'"

Although Bill was only in his mid-20s at that time, he had already gained a substantial amount of experience and confidence as an artist, considering that he began painting and drawing at an early age and earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of California, Davis.

At the age of 16, Bill was already working professionally, earning money painting artistic scenes on trucks, vans and motorcycles, and creating signs for a few businesses in Davis.

Bill said that his inspiration for the KZAP cat came from a cat that happened to be living in his Sacramento residence.

"It was actually styled after my brother's cat, Tubby," he said. "So, my then-future wife (Sue Gallinger, who had earned a bachelor's degree in wild-life biology at UC Davis) and I were living at the house on F Street with my brother and another guy. My wife and I had a downstairs bedroom and my brother and a friend of his from college had the rooms upstairs. And it was an old Sacramento

home. It would have been a duplex back in the day."

In continuing to tell his story about his decision to use Tubby as his model for KZAP's mascot, Bill recalled a specific incident related to that red, tiger-striped tom cat, which he described as having a strong personality.

"My brother was working at KZAP and he was also working for the state of California, so he had some nice dress shoes in his closet," he said. "One time he came home and Tubby had taken a dump in the dress shoes. That sort of was a Hallmark moment."

"Shortly after that I just sat down and I kind of drew this picture of Tubby with this silly, passive-aggressive grin on his face. And that was what started it."

Bill said that his KZAP mascot drawing received positive reactions from the station's air staff and news people and others who saw it.

But he also noted that the artwork resulted in a response that surprised him.

"Everybody who looked at it said, 'My God, he looks stoned,'" he said. "And I said, 'Well, OK.' But that's not what (he intended). It was all about the passive-aggressive personality of Tubby. For whatever reason, it hit everybody really well. So, I just said, 'OK, fine, he's stoned.' Why not? Everybody else was (stoned), so the cat might as well be, too."

The KZAP cat mascot artwork first appeared in the form of an exterior window sticker, Bill recalled.

"The first set of window stickers was an exterior window sticker on the outside surface, and they realized, 'Hmm, that's probably not a good idea,'" he said.

That sticker was followed by a similar interior sticker that was much less weather and element challenged.

Those stickers were followed by smaller KZAP cat mascot window stickers.

Bill also created a series of black and white, KZAP line drawing advertisements for use in newspapers and magazines, as well as three bus banners, some of which featured the station's mascot.

Bill mentioned that local artist Roger Shepherd eventually created KZAP bumper

stickers with versions of his cat mascot image.

Although Tubby was given a good life in his Sacramento home and was memorialized as KZAP's mascot, Bill noted that not every moment was an enjoyable moment for his brother's cat.

"(Herb Wright), one of my brother's roommates in college for a long time was in vet school at UCD," he said. "Herb dropped by the (F Street) house in Sacramento (in 1975) and my wife and Gordo and Herb and I got Tubby, and Herb castrated him on the kitchen table," he said. "His life was never the same."

Bill mentioned that Tubby was undoubtedly Gordo's most well-known cat. But he added that Tubby was certainly not the only animal his brother ever owned.

"(Gordo) was an animal lover and he would rescue animals and Tubby was a rescue," he said. "And at the time, he only had Tubby, one cat. Later on, he got more, but Tubby was an only child for a long time."

And in response to the inquiry of how many animals his brother owned, Bill said, "It just varied so much, because it was rescue town," he said. "At one time he had three dogs and I think 17 cats. That was about the peak."

Bill noted that in addition to his work as an artist, he has been interested in music throughout his life, and that his love of music led him to play the guitar as a teenager.



Photo courtesy of Bill Styler

This cat mascot-themed window sticker was created by Bill Styler in 1974.

"I started playing guitar when I was 13," he said. "I started tearing guitars apart when I was 14. I was always into guitars and guitar music and rock."

Bill also created several posters for concerts at Freeborn Hall in Davis and the college radio station, KDVS, in the same city.

In 1976, Bill left Sacramento to live in Montana, where he established his own sign company.

Seven years later, Bill, Sue and their two sons were liv-

ing in the state of Washington, where Bill worked for sign companies and occupied some of his spare time as a freelance artist. He bought one of those companies, the Auburn Sign Co., which he ran with his wife from 1985 to 1994.

Bill currently resides in Idaho, where he lives with Sue, continues to create art and occasionally reminisces about his memorable times working as an artist for KZAP.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 27 POCKET/GREENHAVEN PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM: Join Vice Mayor Rick Jennings for a public forum to discuss local crime statistics, crime prevention and traffic safety in the Pocket/Greenhaven community. Representatives from the Sacramento Police Department, the City's Traffic & Engineering Department, the City Manager's Office and the City's Neighborhood Services Division will be on hand for the discussion from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy High School Auditorium, 6715 Gloria Drive. Also, get in on the discussion: Take the District 7 Survey on Traffic Safety at <https://goo.gl/aF6Eeq>. We will share the results of the survey at the forum and the information that you provide will be used to help guide our discussions on this topic with law enforcement and community planning. For more information, call 808-7007.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 28 HAUNTED HOUSE AT THE SACRAMENTO PORTUGUESE HOLY SPIRIT SOCIETY HALL: There will be an open haunted house and fun arts and crafts for the kids. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the haunted house will open at 7 p.m. and the fun will go on until the crowd dies down. There will be linguica sandwiches and more goodies. Cost: \$7 adults; \$4 for ages 5 to 12 and ages 4 and younger are free of charge. 6676 Pocket Road.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 29 HOMELESS FOOD MINISTRIES: Monthly feed the homeless ministries seeks donations of water, bread, snacks, cheese, clothes, blankets...Etc. They meet at a private home, make lunches and drive out to different areas of Sacramento looking for homeless in need of physical and spiritual food. If interested in donating or volunteering, please call Shalom at 916-289-5632.

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MONDAY, OCT. 31
Harvest Festival at River's Edge Church: An evening full of fun, games, food, and loads of candy from 6 to 8 p.m. This is the 11th year River's Edge Church (formerly Riverside Wesleyan) has provided this event to our community. It is a free event and one your children will love.

SUNDAY, NOV. 13 YOUTH JAZZ DAY AT THE ELKS LODGE, NO. 6: Five outstanding local youth and young adult jazz bands will take the stage at the monthly Jazz at the Riverside concert on Sunday, Nov. 13 at the Riverside Elks Lodge. The family-friendly afternoon event will showcase the youth jazz education programs of the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society (STJS), a local non-profit formed in 1968 and the force behind the annual Memorial Day Sacramento Music Festival. Scheduled bands include The New Traditionalists (TNT), Milenburg Boys, Syncopating Sea-Monkeys, River City Swingers, and The Awktrives. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun from noon to 5PM, and the first 100 attendees will receive a free gift! The STJS Foundation is dedicated to promoting music education for children with an emphasis on early or "traditional" jazz. Programs include an annual week-long summer Jazz Camp at Sly Park, free private Music Lessons, a Trad Jazz Youth Band Festival held each February in conjunction with the Jazz Studies program at Sacramento State University, local in-school clinics by professional jazz musicians, and its most recently launched program, Instrument Match.

Instrument Match turns unused musical instruments into a life changing opportunity for a child who cannot afford to purchase or even rent an instrument. The Foundation accepts donated instruments, refurbishes them and "matches" them with kids who want to play music. November 13th will also be "Instrument Donation Day," with free admission for anyone bringing an instrument to donate. Volunteers will be on hand to talk about the STJS music education programs. The Riverside Elks Lodge is located at 6646 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento with plenty of free parking. In addition to the youth bands and related activities, there will be music in two other rooms, including an all-jam "Tailgate Room." Food and beverages are available for purchase, and there is always room for dancers! Admission -- Adults: \$10 STJS members, \$12 Non-members; Youth ages 12 thru 20: \$5 STJS members, \$7 non-members; children under 12 free. The STJS Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit established in 1996 to work with the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society in the development and administration of its youth education programs. For more information, contact Patti Jones, 712-1501, patti@sacjazz.org.

Ongoing

ACC PRESENTS 'BODY WISDOM BREATH AND MOVEMENT': Perform easy to follow seated and standing exercises for health and well-being. Most movements are based on eastern techniques for relaxing and re-energizing the body. Use simple Qigong postures to stimulate vitalizing "Chi". Discover the joy of self-massage and acupressure. Slow down with guided imagery and meditative breathwork. Improving your health and be simple and fun. Pre-registration and Pre-payment of \$20 @ \$5 per class required. \$7 Drop-in rate per class. Class will be held on Tuesdays beginning September 6, 2016 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at ACC Senior Services, 1180 Corporate Way. For more details, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

ACC PRESENTS YOGA-NEW: This yoga class introduces the Iyengar method of hatha yoga. Basic standing, sitting, forward extension, introductory inversion, and restorative postures will be taught. This class will build upon prior class and will use props to assist the students. You will need a yoga mat and possibly blocks, belts and blankets. Pre-payment is \$6 per class or \$8 drop-in rate. Pre-registration required. Class is now held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more details, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org

Upcoming

INVITING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS AND VOCALISTS TO PERFORM AT THE SACRAMENTO YOUTH SYMPHONY PRESENTS SYMPHONY OF 2000: The Sacramento Youth Symphony is inviting all instrumentalists and vocalists of the Sacramento Valley region to come and participate in the Symphony of 2000, a unique orchestral and choral experience. People of all ages and abilities are invited to choose and perform as many as they would like from the selection of classical and well-known compositions that include Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" (from the Messiah), Amazing Grace, and Sousa's Stars and Stripes. This is a grand event for instrumentalists, vocalists, or spectators alike, as the Symphony of 2000 makes Sacramento history again. Tickets: \$25 participation fee for instrumentalists and vocalists. Participants register online at www.sacramentoyouthsymphony.org/symphony-of-2000. General Admission \$20, Tickets available at Community Center Theater Box Office or at <http://www.sacramentocommunitycentertheater.com/Events>. More details are as follows: Sunday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, 1515 J St. Contact: Sacramento Youth Symphony, Vicki Schaevitz, vicki@sacramentoyouthsymphony.org or at 731-5777.

BEST BETS

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT MATSUYAMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: On Friday, Oct. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. school will be holding its annual harvest festival from 4 to 7 p.m. The Harvest Festival is a "cornucopia of fun" for the entire family. In the past, it was featured arts and crafts, a pumpkin patch, a cake walk, square dancing, and lots of delicious food. Funds raised by the Harvest Festival directly benefit Matsuyama teachers by providing much needed classroom supplies. Matsuyama is located at 7680 Windbridge Drive.



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MY SISTER'S HOUSE RUN FOR A SAFE HAVEN: On Saturday, Oct. 22, My Sister's House Run for a Safe Haven, 5k run. <http://www.runforasafehaven.com/>, <http://www.my-sisters-house.org/>. To serve Asian and Pacific Islander and other underserved women and children impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking by providing a culturally appropriate and responsive safe haven, job training, and community services. Run starts at 8 a.m. at William Land Park, Village Green, Freepoint Boulevard and Sutterville Road.

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Why I'm voting "yes" on Measure G

By ELLEN COCHRANE

Imagine Hiram Johnson having a proud marching band and drum line that lures kids from South and East Sac. Imagine Johnson having a band that pumps up the team, enters contests and brings the gift of musical band training to high school. For those of us of a certain age, we lived in a Sacramento that had those things. But the recession and the über focus on testing helped us lose our way. We lost our music programs. We lost our summer programs that supported cultural, social and emotional learning. We need schools that value art and music and work to reach all children through meaningful support programs. What does any of this have to do with Measure G?

Easy. Measure G raises money for music, arts and other school activities that lure kids into a harmonized school culture. The money is just for SCUSD and goes directly to the kids. It would raise between six and seven million every year for our schools, and would cost property owners about \$6 a month. An oversight committee will ensure that no money is siphoned off for other purposes. In the cluster of propositions and measures on the ballot, Measure G is specifically for Sacramento kids and their well-being.

Last week at Hiram Johnson Coday Anthony set up the single snare drum. He beat a quick tattoo, taped on a note that said "play me" and walked away. The students at Hiram Johnson were in the middle of Homecoming week and there were ample lunchtime activities on the quad, but the solo drum caught their attention. Anthony waited and watched. When he heard a peck on the drum he ambled back and started the conversation.

This is a conversation that has been mum for many years. About six years ago the Hiram Johnson band tooted its last note and the program shut down breaking a proud tradition of Warrior musicians and leaving one of SCUSD's big five comprehensive high schools with no marching band program.

This year the new Johnson principal was able to scrape together funds to hire Coday Anthony to teach band. The Will C Wood principal also hired him to teach a band class. Anthony is a performance musician with a love of teaching and the passion to start from scratch.

"We now have more than 15 students in the drum line at Johnson and we started at zero in September. I'm focusing on the drum line at the high school while I build the middle school programs," said Anthony.

"Holding the snare drum challenge at lunch was great. Students were really specific about their questions: Is the class accredited? What exactly are you creating? When is the practice? There was lots of laughter and fun. The kids really gave the drumming a shot. I sign up a lot of students that day."

Anthony travels from Will C Wood Middle School in the morning where he teaches beginning band to Johnson in the afternoon. There are now more than 60 kids in both programs. At the high school he teaches band and a digital music course, which gives a survey of the industry and focuses on modern day synthesizers and software. Students in this class group together by genre and will write and produce their own creative pieces as part of the class.

Johnson's renewed commitment to the arts is a breath of fresh air. Anthony attracted the attention of Johnson alumni who dropped by homecoming and jammed in the stands, playing the fight song, and hung out and met the students.

Marching band is linked to the football schedule and Anthony is already thinking about next year, "I'd like to get a summer program together for the band. We need to get ready for fall, but the needs are great. A band needs tight organiza-

tion, lots of community support. I'd have to get food and college mentors hooked into the program. I'm starting the conversation now."

As his band grows, so does community interest. Anthony is in the process of setting up a band booster organization. But boosters and sales only go so far. Measure G will help Anthony reach his goal of getting uniforms for the band and updating some of the decades old instruments.

What will taxpayers who make this investment in youth receive? They'll get quieter streets, safer neighborhoods, and a general upgrade in their communities. Adult voters are the moral guardians of our culture. To be able to insure that kids get exposure to high functioning role models like Anthony is a win-win. Measure G is an opportunity.

A comprehensive high school like Hiram Johnson becomes a focal point for the community again. Filled with music and student learning. Filled with proud Johnson Warriors.

That's why I'm voting Yes on Measure G.

Ellen Cochrane is a trustee with the Sacramento City Unified School District. She can be reached at (916) 457-2725.

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